









## WALTHALL IN JAIL

The Coroner's Jury Pronounced the Killing Involuntary Manslaughter.

DAVIS RUSHED AT HIM WITH A KNIFE

The Dead Man Was Drunk, and Had Been Ejected from the Room Before He Attacked Walthall.

Macon, Ga., December 11.—(Special.)—Early this morning Coroner Knight got a jury together to investigate the killing of William Davis by Edward Walthall at midnight last night, as told in The Constitution of today.

A dance was given at the home of Mr. Smith, No. 1231 Third street, at which both men were present. Davis was almost drunk and Mr. Smith objected to his dancing. Davis left the house, but soon returned and became very obnoxious, swearing before the ladies present. He left the house the second time and after a while went where Walthall and his companions were and made use of several vulgar, profane and obscene remarks, to which Ed Walthall replied.

Davis rushed towards Walthall with an open knife in his right hand, striking Walthall with his right hand in which he held the knife.

Walthall drew a pistol from his pocket and fired three times in quick succession. Davis turned, walked about five steps and fell on his face and died instantly.

The coroner's verdict was that William Davis came to his death by a pistol shot wound inflicted by Ed Walthall. It was pronounced involuntary manslaughter.

After shooting Davis Walthall told the crowd that if he was wanted he could be found at home. He went immediately to his boarding house, Mrs. J. B. Wyche's, on the new Houston road.

Sheriff Westcott went out soon afterward and made the arrest and placed Walthall in jail, where he will await a preliminary hearing.

Ed Walthall is a young man about twenty-two years of age, and was born in this county. He is a carpenter and worked for Wither's Sons.

Davis, the man who was killed, was thirty years of age, and came from Columbus some years ago and married a daughter of Mr. Joshua Jones, of South Macon. He was a fireman on the Southwest railroad and drew his pay after dark last night and went on a spree. He leaves a wife and one child.

Walthall has employed Washington Dessau to defend him.

**Matters Social.**  
At the home of Mrs. Emma Nottingham in Vineville, at 10 o'clock today, a very pretty marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Luther Link, uniting for life Miss Julia Lee Nottingham and Mr. Fitzgerald Cook.

The bride, who is the talented daughter of Mrs. Emma Nottingham, was prettily attired in a dark traveling gown.

Mr. Cook is the superintendent of the Dixie Lumber Company, of this city, and his friends are many, all of whom congratulated him upon his securing such a lovely wife.

The attendants were: Mr. W. H. Ford and Miss Addie Cook, of Milledgeville.

Mr. Marion Massee and Miss Lala Link, Mr. J. N. T. Smith and Miss Mamie Gutierrez.

The couple were escorted to the union depot, and they left on the Georgia Southern train for a delightful trip through the Land of Flowers.

Yesterday, at the home of the bride's grandfather, Mr. Richard Maury, near Forsyth, Mrs. Edith Maury was married to Mr. R. G. Johnston, a well-known grocery merchant in Vineville, this city.

Mr. Seth Knight, an efficient officer of the police force, was married at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, on Holt street, to Miss Minnie Rusk.

A large audience listened to a splendid concert by local talent in the Sunday school room of the Mulberry Street Methodist church.

**Death of Mrs. Stroberg.**  
Mrs. J. C. Stroberg died in Tattall county and was buried in Macon at 2:40 o'clock this afternoon, from the union depot.

Mrs. Stroberg was Miss Margaret Burgess. She was born in Manchester, England, June 18, 1835, of Scotch parentage.

She was married in New York in February of 1852 to Mr. Stroberg, and resided in Macon, Ga., in 1855, where they resided until very recently.

She was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and had a large circle of friends, who will be pained to learn of her death.

Mr. Stroberg and three children survive. They are Mrs. Ingram, of Tattall county; Mrs. Oakes, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Robert Stroberg, of this city, who is now residing in his bed and whose condition is thought to be serious.

**Macon Short News.**  
Mr. Ed Racine, so long head clerk at the Brown house, today moved to the Hotel Lanier, and is now welcoming his friends at the desk in that well-known hostelry.

The night crew on the Southern railway trains south make a very long run these days. They leave Macon at 1:15 o'clock, and go to Everett City, only eighteen miles north of Brunswick, lay over forty-five minutes and return to Macon at 11:15 o'clock the next morning. This makes their run 108 miles.

William Thomas and Seth Spivey, charged with the Chaucery safe robbery, were carried from the Brown house jail this morning to Eastman for trial.

Mr. Paul Blackley, of Atlanta, son of Hon. Logan E. Blackley, arrived in Macon last night and will be here two weeks, assisting in the editorial work on The Telegraph.

Mr. J. S. White, of Asheville, N. C., who came here two days ago, preached such a splendid sermon at the First Baptist church, has accepted a call to that church. He will be made its pastor on Tuesday.

Yesterday United States Marshal John D. Harris appointed Mr. Raphael Salas deputy United States marshal, who resigned Deputy Highway, who resigned Deputy Highway, who resigned Deputy Highway.

Mr. Salas entered upon his duties at once.

**CRIME IN BROOKS.**  
**Murder, Arson and a Burglary Have Been Committed.**

Quinn, Ga., December 11.—(Special.)—An epidemic of crime seems to prevail in Brooks county. Last week two negroes killed a bailiff in the upper portion of the county, the particulars of which have been published in The Constitution. Last Saturday night a negro in the same section was caught trying to fire a ginhouse on the Gaudin plantation. A posse went to a house near by, where the negro had gone, and attempted to arrest him, but the negro ran. The posse fired upon him and put 25 small bullet holes in his back. He was captured and is now in jail.

Last night Mr. A. B. Williams, a prominent young merchant and a member of the firm of Bryce & Williams, of this place, was aroused by a noise in his room and discovered a burglar. Williams ordered him to throw up his hands, but the burglar tried to escape. Williams fired at him five times with his pistol. None of the shots took effect, but the burglar was wounded. Mr. Williams turned him over to the police. The man had two pistols with him. The officers began a search for him and captured one before he got out of town.

The other was captured two hours later at a negro house three miles from the city by City Marshal Wade and Deputy Sheriff Anderson.

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Augusta, Ga., December 11.—(Special.)—The Evening Herald announces tonight that it will commence the publication of a Sunday morning paper commencing next Sunday. This has been dragged out by The Chronicle publishing an afternoon paper.

The Sibley Manufacturing Company is making some great improvements at their mill. The improvements are in the shape of the very latest machinery, and involves the outlay of a considerable amount of money.

A movement has been started by a number of young men, looking to having the city of Augusta take charge of the Young Men's Library Association and making of it a public library. A meeting of the friends of this movement has been held and steps have been taken to make the presentation of it in a formal manner. The association has some valuable property. The real estate owned by the association is among the best in the city.

**THE VENABLE BANQUET.**  
Given to the Members and Attaches of the State Senate.

The banquet, in the Aragon, tendered to the members of the state senate by Hon. W. H. Venable, chairman of that body, was a most enjoyable affair.

The long tables, arranged in V shape, were decorated by huge banks of ferns, palms and flowers. President Venable sat at the head of the table, with Senator Cumming on his right and Senator Osborn on his left. The three representatives of the three large cities of Georgia were drawn together.

The menu of the banquet was as follows:

Blue Points.  
Cream of Asparagus.  
Olive.  
Breaded Potatoes.  
Mum's Extra Dry.  
Chicken Potatoes.  
Sweetbread a la Toulouse.  
Roman Punch.  
Roast Quail.  
Lettuce Salad.  
Neapolitan Ice Cream.  
Crackers.  
Fruit.  
Cheese.

When the plates had been cleared away the various senators were called upon for speeches, which were witty at times, grave at others, but at all times interesting. The senators all spoke in the highest terms of President Venable's ability to transact the business of the senate. The mention of Mr. Venable's name as a possible future governor of Georgia was loudly cheered.

The speech of Senator Boyd was notable for the intimation that the action of the house in refusing to listen to the senate bill to the appropriation bill. He declared that the senate had performed its full duty throughout, and had nothing to regret.

The banquet came to a close by a rising vote of appreciation of President Venable as an official and as a citizen.

**"THE FENCING MASTER."**  
If Mr. Fred Whitney doesn't already realize the fact, it might be well right now to remind him that he has a jewel in the prima donna of "The Fencing Master" company. Bright and talented and beautiful, Miss Dorothy Morton reminds one of the Lillian Russell of less eventful days.

She was a revelation. Nobody here had known of Miss Morton—it may have been our own ignorance—and when she flashed upon us in the dazzlingly attractive girl of Francesca, the surprise was natural. She is very pretty and she can, strange to say, sing.

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Mr. Remsen was asked what he proposed to do to bring about a reconciliation. He said he had a suggestion to make, which, if accepted, would settle the existing trouble. He said that Mr. Watson considered that he had been stigmatized by being called a traitor because, after being elected to congress as a democrat, he deserted the party and joined the populists. Mr. Remsen says Mr. Watson claims that he was elected to congress on the farmers' alliance platform, and he stood on it. Now, if he could blot out the mark of infamy that has been put upon him by being called a traitor, he would be satisfied and retire from politics.

Judge Remsen was asked what action of the democrats would satisfy Mr. Watson. The reply was: "Major Black has agreed to resign his commission to congress in March. At the coming election let the people elect Mr. Watson to congress and he, too, would agree to then resign, being satisfied with having the blot on his escutcheon removed. Unless the charge is repudiated Mr. Watson will keep up the fight until his death."

The sting of the charge "traitor," Mr. Remsen says, is all that keeps Mr. Watson agitated, and as soon as vindication comes Mr. Watson will retire from public life and never enter public life again. The judge says Mr. Watson has no desire to return to congress or ambition to hold public office and would not have entered the race had it not been for the demand and strong assistance of his friends. No one is more intimate with Mr. Watson, or understands him better than Judge Remsen. The suggestion that both Mr. Watson and Major Black shall remain out of the next election is all folly, Mr. Remsen says, for the reason that everybody knows Mr. Watson is 5,000 stronger in this district than any other member of his party. Mr. Remsen says he knows if the democrats will elect Watson and then let him resign the office, Mr. Watson will agree to it, for it will be the vindication he seeks and will satisfy him forever. Mr. Remsen will remain in Augusta to have a talk with Major George T. Barnes and other prominent democrats on the line above stated, and feel the pulse of the people on it.

**ADVERTISING ART.**  
"Allee Samee St. Jacob's Oil, Kickapoo Indian Salve, Etc."

**IMPORTANT BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHMENT**  
Colleges Are Going to Teach the Science of Writing Catchy Ads—A Few Pointers for Advertisers.

Eastern colleges are beginning to recognize the value of a business education. The annual report of a New York college, detailing plans for next year, outlines a "business course" in which not only ordinary commercial branches will be taught, but typewriting, stenography and the fundamental principles underlying the art of writing advertisements.

There is something new. Advertising has long been recognized as a fine art by business men, and there are many tales afloat of the princely salaries paid to advertising writers, but the "underlying principles" have usually been kept safe and sound beneath the hats of men who write advertisements. A good, catchy, taking, comprehensive, readable advertisement is not one of the easiest things in the world to write. As usual, things, experience is the best school for the advertiser. The best advertisement is one that is written by a man who has had the experience of writing advertisements.

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## BEARS SURPRISED.

The Advance in Cotton Was Small, but the Reverse Was Expected.

## GOLD EXPORTS POSTPONED TO SATURDAY

And the Stock Market Was Strengthened, Closing at a Fractional Gain—Holders of Wheat in a Rejoicing Mood.

New York, December 11.—Stocks opened firm, the Dresser Morgan circular on Erie matters not having borne out the statements made yesterday about a heavy assessment on the common stock of that road. In addition, a number of roads reported their earnings for the first week of December and, as a rule, those were favorable. The loss in earnings of the St. Paul, for the same week, were slightly under \$250,000, making the best weekly return issued by the company for a long time. The improvement at the start was equal to 1/16%, but it was soon lost, owing to a raid on Manhattan, which carried that stock down to 107 1/2. Louisville and Nashville also displayed weakness and fell to 8. The drive at Manhattan was based on an unfounded rumor that the company intended to reduce the dividend rate. When it was announced, however, that the rate had been increased, and that the company had earned its full 6 per cent, after allowing for the disputed tax claim of \$250,000, the stock quickly rose to 107 1/2. Sugar was less active, only 4 1/2 shares changing hands, against 137,100 shares yesterday. The price ranged between 90 1/2 and 91 1/2, and the market closed at 90 1/2. The railway list developed strength in the last hour of business on Washington advice that the house had taken up the Patterson amendment permitting pooling. This resulted in a rise of 1/16% per cent. In the Coalers, Lackawanna rallied 1/4 to 10 1/2; New Jersey Central, 1/2 to 39 1/2; Delaware and Hudson, 3/4 to 12 1/2; Reading, 1/2 to 15. Among the specialties Consolidated Gas rose 1/4 to 12 1/2; Laclede Gas, 1/4 to 27; Laclede Gas, preferred, 1/4 to 82 1/2; Edison Illuminating of Brooklyn, 3/4 to 11 1/2; and Tobacco, 1/4 to 9 1/2. Cotton oil was weak and lower, the common falling 2 1/2 to 25 1/2, and the preferred, 1 to 30. The market closed firm. Net changes show gains of 1/16% per cent in the active list and 1/32% per cent in the specialties. Trading was smaller than for a long time past.

Sterling exchange continues strong and the general expectation is that gold will be shipped by Saturday's European steamers. Estimates vary from two to five millions of dollars. Up to the close of business at the stock exchange, however, no gold had been actually engaged. The street manifested uncommon interest in the Patterson pooling bill and a number of brokers with Washington wires long after business hours.

The bond market was lower. The sales of listed stocks aggregated \$6,000,000; unlisted, \$3,000,000. Treasury balances: Gold, \$10,125,000; currency, \$72,232,000.

Money on call little more active, ranging from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4, closing offered at 1 1/2; prime mercantile paper, 3/4 per cent.

Bar silver, 60 1/2. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers' bills at \$197 1/2 for sixty days, and \$188 1/2 for demand; posted rates, \$189 1/2; commercial bills, \$189 1/2.

Government bonds steady. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds lower.

Silver at the board was 61 bid. Bar silver in London, 74 1/2.

The following are closing bids:

Am'n Cotton Oil, 25 1/2; N. Y. Cotton, 25 1/2; do. pref., 25 1/2; N. Y. Sugar, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Tobacco, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Oil, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Gas, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Coal, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Iron, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Steel, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Copper, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Lead, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Zinc, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Tin, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Silver, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Gold, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Platinum, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Palladium, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Iridium, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Rhodium, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Selenium, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Tellurium, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Vanadium, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Chromium, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. Manganese, 10 1/2; do. pref., 10 1/2; N. Y. 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The Exposition Bill Is Now Safely Through Both Houses.

## A GENERAL REGISTRATION ACT

Important Amendments Are Put on by the Senate.

## SATISFACTORY TO BOTH PARTIES

Managers Are to Be Appointed from the Majority and Minority Parties—Closing Up the Work of the Senate.

The Georgia exhibit at the Atlanta exposition is now a certainty. It was made so yesterday by the senate, the vote being 30 to 12.

The general registration bill was so amended as to become practically acceptable to populists as well as the democrats. The registrars are to be bi-partisan. This ensures satisfaction with the result of elections hereafter.

The bill was passed with slight amendments, and returned to the house. The action of concurrence in the appropriation bill was made the special order for 10 o'clock today.

In the evening the senators were gathered around the festive boards of the Aragon, the guests of Senator Venable. There was never a finer banquet served in the south, and the one voice was that the Aragon had excelled itself. The host acquitted himself admirably and his guests were delighted.

## The Day in the Senate.

The taking up of the house resolution providing for a Georgia exhibit at the Atlanta exposition was the first important measure laid before the senate.

Senator Sneed, the first speaker, opposed the appropriation.

"This bill," said he, "should not pass. If it sought to appropriate money of the state directly from the state's treasury, for an exhibit of our resources at the Cotton States' exposition, I should not have one word to say in opposition. But it seeks to appropriate money for this purpose that does not belong to the state. Instead of making a direct appropriation from the funds of the state, it appropriates money not her own."

"If that resolution becomes a law, the state converts to her own use money which she holds in a fiduciary character as trustee, and commits an act which if done by one of our own citizens, would constitute the crime of larceny after trust."

"I am amazed that the house of representatives should have passed any such measure, and am surprised that its objectionable features should have escaped the scrutinizing gaze of our efficient finance committee. But I take it for granted that the serious questions here involved escaped observation by reason of the unavoidable haste attending consideration of measures in the last days of legislative session. "But it is not too late to remedy the error. Appropriate, if you choose, money from the treasury for the purpose indicated, but the funds referred to in that resolution can not be taken without breach of faith upon the part of Georgia to the government of the United States. In making these objections, I am influenced by neither political nor personal considerations, but solely as a Georgia citizen, who is jealous of the honor of his state, upon a question in which her honor is involved."

## Defended by Senator Harris.

Senator Harris, of the twenty-second—Because of the able speech of the senator I desire to speak. If the state gives this money to some one outside, then there might be an insuperable obstacle, but in this case the money is used for the money itself, ready to replace it as soon as called for. An individual trustee can always invest funds, but is always responsible for them. In this case Georgia simply borrows from one fund for another. The state but anticipates her ownership, for which her whole property is responsible."

Senator Lewis said the legal question was the only one in the way. The plan agreed upon is free from it and the state is ready to maintain her credit. It is not a question of the simple amount of money, but the prestige of Georgia abroad. It would be a shame for Georgia not to give the money.

## The Registration Bill.

The registration bill was taken up and the original bill was read the third time and put upon its passage. Section 1 was read and Senator McGregor moved to amend by making it go into effect in 1896 instead of 1895.

Senator Cummings urged the retention of 1895, as an election will take place within a few months.

Senator McGregor said no election save in the tenth district would take place. Every county in that district had registration laws which they observed, save one. In that county, Richmond, which laid it aside, they did it for a purpose. These laws are good enough for county and state, and should be for the nation. Referring to the charges of fraud in the election there he read census figures to defend the votes. He charged that the only charge of fraud made that could be sustained was in the case of Richmond. Why should we pass a law to govern a consent election, if it will be because the gentleman holding the commission feels that it is not good, and hopes to get one that is good. Senator Cummings said that as a matter of fact registrations are defective, and there is no reason why this date should be delayed. Senator Beeks said that the cry from all over Georgia was for clear elections, and this was an answer to the demand.

Senator McGinn's amendment was lost, and the original adopted.

Section 2 was read. The committee amended by making the voter state age and occupation, which was adopted.

Section 3 was amended so as to conform to section 2, and the duty of the officer to read the ballot to the voter was stricken out. The tax collector must be satisfied

that the person asking to register has paid his taxes and is otherwise qualified. Section 4 was adopted. Forty-five days for registration was increased to fifty. Section 5 was amended so as to require from voter age, occupation and residence. Section 6 was amended by adding the tax collector to the registrars.

Section 7, providing for the suggestion of collector by the grand jury was amended so that the judge shall appoint the registrars, the said judge to have the right to remove any registrar, and provided that the registrars shall be of different political parties, so as to make it a bi-partisan or multi-partisan board. The amendment was adopted by striking out the words "multi-partisan."

Section 8 enables voters whose names were declined by the tax collector to appeal to the registrars. The registrars are required to give proposed disqualified voters one day in which to answer and establish, if possible, their right to vote.

Section 9 was adopted. Section 10 was adopted. Section 11, providing for compensation of registrars and managers, was adopted. Section 12 was adopted.

Section 13 was amended so as to provide punishment for men voting who had not been registered.

Section 14, adopted. Section 15, amended by cutting down verbiage and the oath is made to include the statement of where the voter has lived since 1877.

## The First Good Fight.

Senator Osborn insisted this: Section 17—Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to repeal local registration laws now of force, only to become of force as local laws are repealed or abandoned.

Senator Cummings declared that this section would vitiate the whole bill. The constitution requires a uniform registration law. The Richmond county registration law, declared unconstitutional by Judge Spear, was not brought before him by democrats.

Senator Starr opposed the amendment on the ground that it would defeat the purpose of the entire bill. A general uniform registration law is demanded by the people, and is the purpose of the bill. The amendment, he said, would virtually nullify and set aside all that was good or desirable in the bill and leave the registration system of the state in no better condition than it was before.

Senator Osborn denied that there was a general cry for a registration law in counties which have such laws. When local laws are good they should be maintained. I take little stock in the talk of constitutionality. As an illustration, two years ago every man said to exhibit in Chicago would be unconstitutional, yet we have today voted an appropriation for Atlanta. He made a strong argument that a general law need not repeal an existing local law. This is a matter of vital importance, and should be fully discussed. The effect of the amendment would be to give a law to the counties having none, and those with local laws can come under it by asking for the repeal of their law.

The amendment was voted down. The original section 17 was then adopted. The yeas and nays were called for on the passage of the bill.

Ayes—Beeks, Broughton, Bush, Bussey, Brand, Brown, Cumming, Craig, Harris, twelfth, Harris, twenty-second, Harrison, Johnson, Lewis, Long, Little, Lumpkin, McMillan, Mercer, Munro, Morton, McGarrity, Norman, Ryals, Roberts, Shepherd, Storey, Sanford, Sharpe, Starr, Upchurch, Wilson, Wilcox, Wade, Watley, Williams. Nays—Boyd, Keen, McGregor, McClure, Osborn, Sneed, Tatum, Ayes, 35; nays, 7.

## In Voting Senator Morton said he usually voted from the shoulder. "Now," said he, "I am like every other senator, voting in the dark. Recognizing the necessity for ballot reform, I vote for this bill, trusting that future legislation will amend it and make it intelligible, which, I confess, it is not now."

## The Tax Act.

The act to levy and collect a tax for the support of the state government was read by sections. The tax of \$100 on distilleries selling liquor at wholesale, was changed so as to be collectible in counties where they are permitted to sell. This is to prevent prohibition counties from collecting a tax within the county. Other amendments were added, when the bill was passed and ordered transmitted to the house.

## To Visit the Girls' Normal.

A resolution by Mr. Roberts, providing for the appointment of a joint committee of three from the senate and five from the house to visit the Georgia Normal and Industrial college at Milledgeville, at its next annual commencement, was carried. The committee from the senate consists of Senators U. P. Wade, C. H. Brand and N. E. Harris.

## Bills on Third Reading.

By Mr. Beeks—Richmond—To regulate the insolvent costs of Richmond county. Passed.

By Senator Harris of the third—Providing for the establishment of state banks.

By Mr. Gray of Catawba—For participation in the Chickamauga memorial celebration. Passed.

By Mr. Middlebrooks of Newton—To incorporate Newborn, in Newton county. Passed.

By Mr. Hall of Coweta—To amend the charter of the Coweta bank, changing the name to People's bank. Passed.

By Mr. West of Lowndes—To amend charter of the Merchants' Bank of Valdosta. Passed.

By Mr. Hall of Coweta—Resolution providing for joint committee to report plan to equalize work of superior court judges. Passed.

By Mr. Rawlings of Washington—To regulate the manner of entering names of colored taxpayers on tax lists. Passed.

By Mr. Gray of Catawba—To create state memorial board. Passed.

By Mr. Boyles of Fulton—To amend charter of city of Atlanta, giving the city power to establish two market places and to make regulations to govern the same.

Also—To empower board of police commissioners to summon witnesses.

Also—That the clerk of the board of health, shall have power to establish crematories. The entire bill was passed.

By Mr. Rockwell of Chatham—Providing for the care and distribution of certain books in the De Renne collection. Passed.

By Mr. Rockwell of Chatham—That the historical society shall have one of the two copies of the history of the colony of Georgia now in the De Renne collection. Passed.

By Mr. Boynton of Calhoun—To create sinking fund to pay off certain bonds of the state. Passed.

By Mr. Jones of Dodge—To provide for school system in Eastern. Passed.

By Mr. Doonan of Chatham—Providing for commissioners of pilotage. Passed.

Also—Providing for the transfer of stocks in state banks, giving stockholders in said banks the same privileges as those in national banks. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Gray of Houston—To authorize railroad trains with perishable freight to run on Sunday.

Senator Moore explained the importance of this bill to the south Georgia fruit interest. The present law practically prohibits the shipment of fruit on Saturday.

The bill was passed.

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